



# SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE



## Kirkland Shorelines

### *What is important to you about Kirkland's Waterfront?*

If you are a shoreline property owner or enjoy using or viewing the shoreline, now is the time to help the City update its Shoreline Master Program (SMP).

The SMP addresses a broad range of topics, including

- Site planning
- Shoreline vegetation
- Shoreline stabilization
- Piers and moorage
- Public access and recreation
- Public Views

In Kirkland, the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) applies to Lake Washington, land within 200 feet of Lake Washington's ordinary high water mark, and within wetlands connected to Juanita Bay and Yarrow Bay.

#### **Why update the Shoreline Master Program?**

The City's current shoreline regulations were adopted over 30 years ago. They need to be updated to fit current conditions and the community's vision for the future, as well as be consistent with the new State guidelines for Shoreline Master Programs.

#### **Key Issues to be addressed:**

- Designation of Shoreline Environments (these function like zoning districts)
- Allowed uses and required permit review
- Standards for shoreline uses (e.g. density and lot size, setbacks from the water, maximum impervious area, view corridors and building height)
- Critical area regulations (e.g. wetlands, geologically hazardous areas, etc.)
- Shoreline vegetation standards
- Public access standards
- Shoreline stabilization standards
- Standards for piers
- Lighting and parking standards

The new SMP will also include a Restoration Plan, which will establish overall goals, priorities, and strategies for restoring shoreline ecological functions that have been impaired by past activities.

#### **How can I get involved?**

- Visit our website ([www.ci.kirkland.wa.us](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us) and search Shoreline).
- Fill out a survey (available on the website from June 9 through July 11, 2008).
- Review and comment on draft shoreline goals and policies (available through the website).
- Join the listserv (available through the website).
- Attend public meetings (see below).
- Submit written comments.

There will be opportunities for the public to be involved throughout the update process.

#### **For more information**

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#### **Overview of Project Schedule**

| Task                                | Timeline                        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Amend or draft new regulations.     | September through December 2008 |
| Restoration Plan                    | Winter 2009                     |
| Cumulative Impact Analysis          | Winter 2009                     |
| Final Consideration by City Council | Spring 2009                     |

Planning Commission and Houghton Community Council meetings will be the primary forum for shoreline discussions, and they are open to the public with opportunity for comment. Please check the SMP website for meeting dates ([www.ci.kirkland.wa.us](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us) and search Shoreline).

